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### BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No. 60/106,426 filed on October 30, 1998.

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For: ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A SECRETORY SIGNAL FOR EXPRESSION AND SECRETION OF HETEROLOGOUS RECOMBINANT PROTEINS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of forty-five (45) pages
- ☒ Twenty-seven (27) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☒ Photocopy)
- ☒ A statement (☐ original ☒ photocopy) to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment

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- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other:
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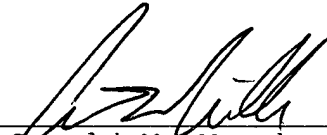
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